

TOMMY STANKOVIC CUP STAR

BY JOE MAJOR

Footscray J.U.S.T. dynamo Tommy Stankovic has won the 1970 Ampol Cup best player award.

The award will be presented at the Ampol semi-final on Friday.

Stankovic, who polled 20 votes from three games, held off Friday's strong challenge by Croatian champion Jimmy MacKay, who earned eight points out of 10 and finished with 19.

Also on 19 were Horst Rau (Croatia), Joe Rajher (Croatia), George Kinnell (Juventus) and Sandy Irvine (Juventus).

Stankovic, at 38 the oldest player in State League, proved in the first round against Wilhelmina that he is still one of the select few who can dictate a game and win it single-handed.

Best individual

That performance against Wilhelmina was the best by an individual player during the 1970 series and earned Stankovic nine votes.

He went on to score six against Hakoah and five against Hellas.

Comparable to Stankovic — and probably the best soccer player in Melbourne at the moment — was Jimmy MacKay, whose brilliant performance last Friday gave Croatia a place in the Ampol Cup finals.

MacKay's total would probably have been

One over MacKay



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bigger had he not missed half a match due to a foot injury.

The same injury was still troubling him early last week, but on Friday it showed no effect.

Early setback . . . Wilhelmina defenders look despairingly as Gordon Cameron puts Hakoah ahead after only two minutes of Friday's Ampol Cup qualifying game at Olympic Park. A second goal by Terry Lane just before half-time sealed the Ringwood club's fate.

...and a goal to boot

It was MacKay's match. With no opponent tagging him, he was able to provide a faultless link and score the goal that gave Croatia a 1-1 draw.

The combination between MacKay and Billy Vojtek was reminiscent of their Dockett Cup winning partnership. Together they mesme-

rised the Juventus defence with fast, intelligent moves into open territory.

If there were an award for the most consistent player, it would go jointly to Horst Rau and Juventus centre half Sandy Irvine.

Both finished with totals of 19. Rau's was made up of a six against Lions, a

six against Polonia and a seven against Juventus.

Irvine scored seven again Polonia, six against Lions and six against Croatia.

On Friday Irvine was again the mainstay in defence. His cool play and hard tackles often got Juventus out of trouble.

The biggest disappointment was George Kinnell, who, with 14 points before Friday's game, looked set to win the best player award.

Kinnell began well, with steady defensive work and withering runs through the centre, but, as he faded out and notched only five votes,

Croatia's Joe Rajher didn't live up to his earlier form and also threw away

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Transfer-listed trio still seek new clubs

Transfer-listed Juventus players Bobby Robertson, Dario Epifano and George Little are still looking for a new club.

Hakoah tried Robertson and Epifano in a practice match against Sunshine City last week, but the club has made no decision about signing them.

Robertson also had a trial with George Cross, but the Maltese club signed Robertson's team-mate, John Pryde, instead.

Pryde's transfer fee is rumored to have been about \$2000.

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Brazilian 'exile' plots victory

PERU LOOK TO DIDI

The Brazilian Didi—real name Waldyr Pereira—wanted to return to Europe this year as team boss of Peru to test the World Cup temperature on the other side of the Atlantic.

But the Peruvian Football Association couldn't afford the trip — either for his team or for him alone.

It's not unlikely that, in appreciation of Peru's elimination of Argentina in Group 10, the other 15 Mexico finalists would have organised a collection to pay for Didi's proposed trip.

After all, Argentina are the football country most of the world loves to hate and Didi's Peruvians will ever be popular for their victory in Lima and draw in Buenos Aires.

Member of the elite

Bolivia's 3-1 win in their own high altitude capital of La Paz started Argentina's fall to bottom place in their group.

Didi, of course, once rubbed shoulders with Alfred Di Stefano as one of Real Madrid's elite — although he didn't

enjoy being overshadowed by that great player.

In fact he returned home to Brazil criticising Di Stefano's power in the dressing room.

Before Real Madrid he was chief architect of Brazil's 1958 World Cup win in Sweden. Pele was in that team, but still only 17.

In 1962 Didi played a major role in Brazil's successful World Cup defence in Chile — a series in which Pele hadn't finished one game before injury struck him down.

Now Didi is plotting the defeat of his own Brazil — and Pele — in case they meet in the final stages in Mexico.

However, he has had problems with discipline in dealing with the Peruvian national squad.

Another South American challenger, the host country

Didi, once a star of Brazil's great World Cup victories in 1958 and 1962, is now boss of Peru's challenge for the 1970 Jules Rimet Trophy. Here ALISTAIR COOK looks at Peru's chances and those of other South American nations.



Didi

Mexico, boasts a fine forward in Enrique Borja.

Mexico will be looking to him to boost their chances of home honors.

They also hope that altitude problems will favor them.

1930: Hosts Uruguay won the Cup.

1934: Hosts Italy win.

1938: Home country France lost in the quarter-finals.

1950: Hosts Brazil runners-up to Uruguay.

1954: Swiss, at home, didn't get beyond the quarter-finals.

1958: Sweden the runners-up to Brazil in Stockholm.

1962: With Brazil winning again, the Chileans won third place.

1966: England, at Wembley.

1970: Mexican crowd emotion, high altitude and some useful players could take the host country far.

German World Cup hopes slump

West Germany's World Cup hopes received a severe setback, in Madrid, last Wednesday, when they were beaten 2-0 by Spain.

Only an outstanding performance by F.C. Cologne goalkeeper, Manfred Manglitz, saved the Germans from an ignominious thrashing.

Manglitz was best man on the ground.

Real Madrid star, Velasquez, was outstanding for Spain.

Germany included their World Cup stars, Schnellinger, from Milan, and Haller, who plays for Juventus Turin.



The German National League is now more than 60 games behind schedule and postponed games will be played on Tuesdays over the next six or eight weeks to clear the backlog.

Last Friday, the German Football Association decided that there would be a nine-weeks break in mid National League season, starting next year.

No games will be scheduled for December or January.

Germany is the first European country to take this step in an effort to combat winter postponements.



Australia's claim to have been called on to play most qualifying games in pursuit of a ticket to Mexico is not correct.

El Salvador and Morocco played 10 games each to qualify.

El Salvador, the smallest competing country in Mexico, has asked for 25,000 tickets and accommodation there.

This is, by far, the biggest request from any country.

Germany has asked for 3,500.



It has been officially stated by the German F.A. that, even if West Germany reach the World Cup finals, their loss in the competition will be \$100,000.

If they do not make the finals, the loss will be \$225,000.

How does this compare with Australia's loss? Yet there is no doubt that they will be striving to make the finals again in 1974.

When Germany played Cyprus in Nicosia their share was 4,000 marks. The expense sheet of the Germans was 89,000 marks.

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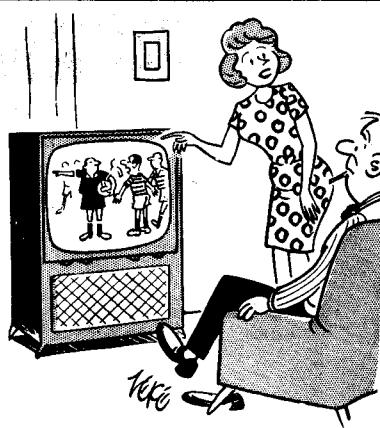
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LOOKS AT THE AMPOL CUP

FANS SET FOR THRILLER TO KICK OFF SEMI-FINALS

CROATIA TO STOP JUST RUN

Footscray-J.U.S.T. clashes with Croatia in what should be a thrilling Ampol Cup first semi-final at Olympic Park on Friday night.

Both sides have plenty to offer in skill, action and teamwork. And, if the match lives up to its reputation, fans are in for a real treat.

J.U.S.T. could attempt to strengthen their line-up by recalling Drago Utjesenovic and Slobodan Zoraja.

But Croatia are unlikely to show any change from the side which drew with Juventus last Friday.

On their way to the semi-final, J.U.S.T. scored wins over Wilhelmina, Hakoah and South Melbourne - Hellas, while Croatia beat Polonia and drew with Lions and Juventus.

J.U.S.T., who rely heavily on Tom Stankovic and Branko Buljevic in attack, will have to step up the tempo of their game to match the fast-moving Croatia.

Croatia, as usual, will try to take the weight off their suspect defence by playing attacking soccer.

In Jimmy Mackay they have an ace, with Billy Vojtek and Terry Hargreaves the dependable architects of all their attacking moves.

These two sides look well matched and the game may well settle down into a cat and mouse affair. It would be no surprise if extra time is

needed to decide the issue.

The curtain-raiser at 7.45 p.m. features Slavia and Alexander, who meet in the competition open to the four clubs who failed to qualify for the Cup.

Slavia have lost several senior players to the U.K., as well as John Butler to Prague, but have at least one newcomer in half-back Tony Harris, from English League club Shrewsbury Town.

Alexander have so far announced any special signings.

Likely Semi-final line-ups:

FOOTSCRAY - J.U.S.T.: Fode, Colovic, Rusmir, Mick, Rice, Cirkovic, Evans, Zoraja, Utjesenovic, Lukic, Stankovic, Buljevic.

CROATIA: Voigt, Bot, Gunn, Symington, Williams, Rau, McIntyre, Rajher, Vojtek, J. McKay, Hargreaves, Piraza.

Gamble pays off in draw

Croatia's gamble in playing a 'half-fit' Jim MacKay paid off against Juventus last Friday when his late equaliser was enough to take his team into the Ampol Cup semi-finals.

Juve can have no excuses.

They put themselves in the box seat with a grand 16th-minute goal by Bryan Thomson, but unlike defensive tactics in the second half allowed Croatia to grab the initiative and the 1-1 draw they needed to qualify.

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It can be argued that Juventus lost some of their poise with the enforced retirement of Jock Goodwin shortly after half-time, and that Croatia's equalizer was a lucky one. But that's the game.

Juve gained confidence after Thomson's goal and threatened to run riot through Croatia's indecisive defence.

But the story was very much the opposite after the interval, with Croatia looking by far the better side.

In the early game Hakoah ran out easy winners over Wilhelmina.

A goal after two minutes by Gordon Cameron and another by Terry Lane just before half-time put Wilhelmina out of business and pointless in their section.

It was the poorest Wilhelmina side to be seen for a long time.

**WILHELMINA 0,
HAKOAH 2**

WILHELMINA: Van Egmond, Pfe, Bens, Fyall, Ward, Feenstra, Buus, Edgeley, Spieler, Hamel, Tekias.

HAKOAH: Mur, Baker, Douglas, Gadsby, Stenhouse, O'Neill, Lane, Dragoevic, Clarey, Bridge, Cameron.

Scorer: Hakoah (Cameron, Lane).

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Keilor, which was beaten to State League last year by Alexander, will be strengthened by the return of defender Ziggie Nowak, 22, who was out last season.

**Reilly on
the spot**

Juventus goalkeeper Jack Reilly climbs high over team-mate George Kinnell to punch clear from the earth-bound Terry Hargreaves, of Croatia, during Friday's Ampol Cup 1-1 draw at Olympic Park.



New award for best?

The State League may soon have two best and fairest awards.

Rothmans have offered to donate an \$800 gold medal for the best and fairest player in N.S.W. and wants to eventually make the award in Victoria as well.

The State League already has the Bill Fleming Medal — formerly the Argus Medal.

The State League Management Committee is asking all clubs for their opinions on Rothmans offer.

Keilor City has four playing coaches.

They are Joe Menary, Joe Scarecki, Bill Sully and Kajik Klain.

Menary, 27, who was recruited from Juventus last year, has been appointed senior coach.

Scarecki is coaching the under 16's, Sully the under 15's and Klain the under 12's.

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Well, you've guessed correctly. It's the incomparable Jimmy Greaves.

Unfortunately for this former England star, "old age" is creeping up on him. He recently lost his place in the Spurs line-up.

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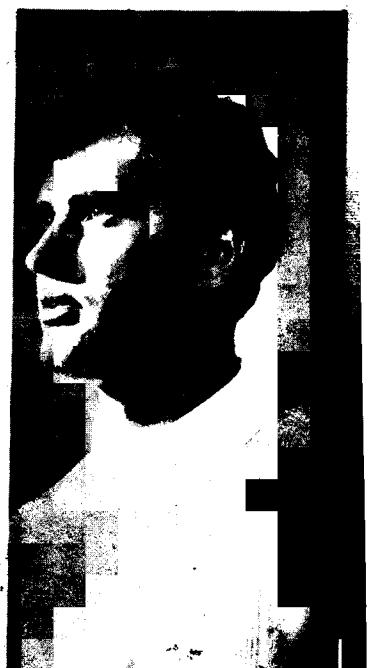
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HOLD HARD ON PRAISE FOR RASIC

Jim Barker's criticism of Jim Adam in last week's Soccer News was in part justified after Adam's hard hitting articles on officials, players and coaches.

However, Mr. Barker's lavish praise for State coach Zvonimir Rasic, following Victoria's narrow defeat by a weak Rumanian national side, was not fully justified.

Let's see what Victoria can do against much stronger opposition — New South Wales — before placing Rasic on a pedestal.



State coach Zvonimir Rasic

AFTER ALL, WHAT'S IN A CLUB NAME?

Several Metropolitan League sides are in the throes of changing their names. I wonder why?

For the name of a club is relatively unimportant compared with the men who run the club and play for it.

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George Cross who banked so strongly in getting Fitzroy Cricket Ground which was given to Fairfield Australian Rules Club, must give serious thought to settling down somewhere permanently.

They have moved around too much in recent years — for the good of the club and especially for the good of their support.

Biggest mistake they made was quitting Selwyn Park, Sunshine, a ground right in the heart of Melbourne's biggest soccer suburb.

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The State League clubs have screamed for years the

necessity of having Soccer News as the official publication of the Victorian Soccer Federation. Now that this is a reality many of the clubs and their officials completely ignore the publication and are just as secretive on club and player news as they were when the paper was in private hands.

But a few clubs do go out of their way

to string along with the writers.

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The State League Management Committee should issue a stern warning to all clubs that league matches should start at the advertised time this season.

Last year, it was nothing short of a disgrace with many games commencing from five to 10 mins. after the scheduled kick-off time.

Cross set to return

George Cross, who have had a lean time over the past two seasons, could be on the comeback trail.

Officials report that players are giving a 100 per cent effort at training and that team spirit is high. Striker Kevin Walker is back from Geelong, where he was working, and forward Robin Hayward, who broke a leg last season, is back in action and raring to go.

Winger Mike Rogers is still playing cricket with Essendon, so he's fit and eager.

Some players still have not turned up at training. If letters from the club bring no response, they will be transfer-listed.

Voting in Ampol Cup

Voting details:

HAKOAH: Mur 5, Baker 6, Douglas 5, Gadsby 5, Stenhouse 5 (Katz 5), O'Neill 6, Lane 5, Dragoevic 5, Cleary 5, Bridgeman 5, Cameron 6.

WILHELMINA: van Egmond 5, Pye 5, Bens 5, Pygall 6, Ward 5, Fennstra 5, Bunce 5, Edgeley 5, Spikerman 5, Hamlet 5, (Bailey 5), Tekta 5.

JUVENTUS: Reilly 6, Bobby Thomson 6, Della Rocca 5, Kinnell 5, Irvine 6, Goodwin 5, Frost 5, Salibury 5, Webster 6, Bryan Thomson 5, McColl 6, Sandi-

(Hak.); Kulyk, Schwartz, Murray (L.); Goodwin, de Marchi, Della Rocca (J.); Czerniecki, Plaskota (P.); O'Toole, Teka, Feenstra, Bens (W.); Kovacek, Armour, Voigt (C.).

16. — Rasmir, Rice,

Lukic (J.U.S.T.); Douglas, Dragoevic (Hak.); Roseweir, Bartley, Starczak, Horne (L.); Bobby Thomson (J.); Olinowski, Widera, Malloy (P.J.); Pye (W.); Kamboropoulos, Armstrong 6, Ackley (H.); Hartley, Hargrave (C.).

15. — Evans (J.U.S.T.); Mur, Stenhouse, Cleary, Gadsby, Lane (Hak.); Keenan (L.); Closs (P.); Ward, Bunce, Edgeley, Spikerman (W.); Williams (C.); Stephens, Kriazis, High (H.).

13. — Utjesenovic (J.U.S.T.); Szalinski (P.); Panther (Hak.).

12. — Zoraja (J.U.S.T.); MacKay (C.);

11. — Milisavljevic (J.U.S.T.); Fry, Cameron, O'Neill (Hak.); Frost (J.); Sandison, Webster, McColl (J.); Kennedy, Torquai (W.); Kowalec (P.); Symington (C.).

10. — Bridgeman

6. — Fode (J.U.S.T.); Lakey, Docherty (J.); Wrobel (P.); Bibby (W.); Mracinkiewicz, Colovic, Buljevic, Mihailovic (J.U.S.T.); Henderson, Tarascio, Sansom, Katz (Hak.); Pryde, Epifano (P.); Litwin (P.); van Egmond, Lockhurst, Hamlet, Bailey (W.); Kokkinos (H.).

GOAL-SCORERS

3. — Bryan Thomson (J.); Sivka (P.); Gorrie, Armstrong (H.).

2. — Rajher, MacKay (C.); Zoraja, Buljevic (J.U.S.T.); Malloy (P.).

1. — Lukic, Micic, Rice (J.U.S.T.); Panther, Dragoevic, Lane, Cameron (Hak.); Salibury, Pye (J.); Torquai (W.); Smart, Starczak (L.); McIntyre, Vojtek (C.); Kowalec (P.).

● Alistair Cook takes a close look at Victorian soccer's stars of today and tomorrow in his occasional series of —

Portraits of the players

NIGEL BRIDGEMAN
(Hakoah)

A 24-year-old Englishman who joined Hakoah early last year, he is tall and lanky, touching the six-foot mark. An inside forward, he had two seasons with Reading as an amateur and then nearly four years with Basingstoke.

Married shortly before coming to Australia, he works in the insurance business.

MARKO FODE
(Footscray J.U.S.T.)

Born in Yugoslavia and joined the Footscray side as a youth player. Succeeded Steve Jankovic in goal and established himself as a first team

regular in the night soccer seven years ago.

Eventually blossomed out to become the regular keeper for Victoria.

Went overseas for a spell and never recaptured his previous form. Lost his first team place with J.U.S.T. and recently reinstated for the game against South Melbourne Hellas.

JOHN McDALD
(Melbourne)

A product of Clydebank Juniors in Scot-

land, he joined George Cross on his arrival in Australia and stepped into the side at full-back as a ready-made replacement for Fred Falzon, who had been transferred to Prague.

A member of the George Cross side which won the Australian Cup in 1964 and their Ampol Cup winning side in 1965, he transferred to Melbourne in 1968.

BRANKO BULJEVIC
(Footscray J.U.S.T.)

Yugoslav born and still in his early twenties, he is one of the best forwards in Victorian soccer. Has a deceptive style, a cracking shot and uses the open space well.

Joined the Footscray side late in 1968 and played a valuable part in saving the club from relegation. Last year, he was an even bigger success and the many goals he scored made a big contribution to J.U.S.T. winning the League title. Has already played for Victoria many times.

SANDY IRVINE
(Juventus)

A product of Aberdeen East End Juniors, he joined Juventus early last season and almost immediately established himself as a regular first team player at centre half.

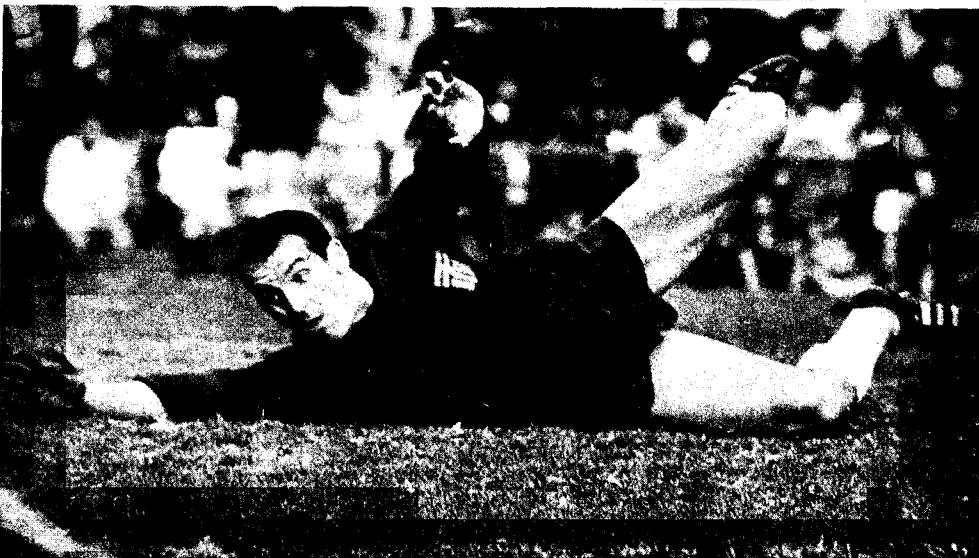
A youngster with a bright future, the fact he is ranked by such experienced wing halves as George Kinnell and Jock Goodwin has vastly improved his play and style.

Must be seriously considered as a successor to Billy Rice for the State side.

HANS HAS BEEN AROUND A BIT

HANS WENZEL . . . The veteran reserve keeper of Lions who played with Hakoah (Sydney), Footscray J.U.S.T. and South Melbourne Hellas, before joining the Essendon side two years ago.

At one time, Wenzel was the New South Wales goalkeeper.



As I see it . . .

by GEORGE YELLAND

Over the years, soccer in Victoria has been played with energetic and dedicated officials who simply lacked courage, vision and plain soccer knowledge.

The present administration started 1970 energetically, but already there is evidence that certain elements lack the courage, foresight and knowledge, to go forward bravely and positively in the process of making soccer a top sport here.

Because of their prior concern with club interests or personal resistance to change, they are loath to accept new ideas and new concepts.

Their over-cautious approach to progress is doing a disservice to our great game. Narrow minded parochialism is as out-dated as the bustle.

One State League official openly stated that he would be pleased if none of his team's players were selected for the State squad. He is not alone.

There are other officials who regard the State side as an unnecessary evil and do not give an ounce of co-operation.

If ever we are to put soccer on the map internationally, it will be at national level. One step in this direction is strength at State level.

All clubs should extend themselves to give the State coach full backing at all times, releasing players whenever they may be required.

They should also make sure that players chosen for the State side are kept at peak fitness, so that the coach, in the short time he has the players under his command, can concentrate on tactics and team spirit.

Wise counsellors have suggested the need for a complete overhaul of the disciplinary system. Others are quite happy to retain the old wasteful and inefficient method. One can only wonder why?

A prominent V.S.F. official suggested, two years ago, that all referees should be individually registered with the Federation; that a sub-committee should be formed, called the Referees Committee, to deal with all matters pertaining to whistle men.

Examination, grading, appointments and inspection should all come under this committee's control and it should be composed of ex-top grade referees.

This was a sound idea, in line with world soccer practice, but so far little has been done.

Frankly, the V.S.F. appears far more concerned with compromising and submitting to the Referees Association.

Too much time is spent on unimportant issues or factional differences. Too many fundamental issues are side-stepped or allowed to carry on unchallenged in the old inefficient manner.

Make no mistake, our soccer bosses

Officials must put the game first

work and work hard, but sometimes their efforts are misdirected.

Soccer News, sponsored and financed by the V.S.F., is not immune to this muddled thinking.

There are officials who do not realise the value of the publicity Soccer News gives, and will continue to give, to the game. All they can see is the initial "loss" which a paper inevitably makes, before establishing itself economically.

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It was decided to go ahead, with an overwhelming majority in support.

While still in the process of re-establishment, there are still people fighting against it. Once again, one wonders, why?

The foregoing are just some of the issues which need clear thinking and positive action.

"Waffling" just will not do. The problems must be faced realistically and dealt with, without fear or favor.

The only yard stick must be, "what is best for the long term progress of soccer"?

V.S.F. officials have shown courage and foresight on many points. They must face up to these big issues and do what is best for the game.

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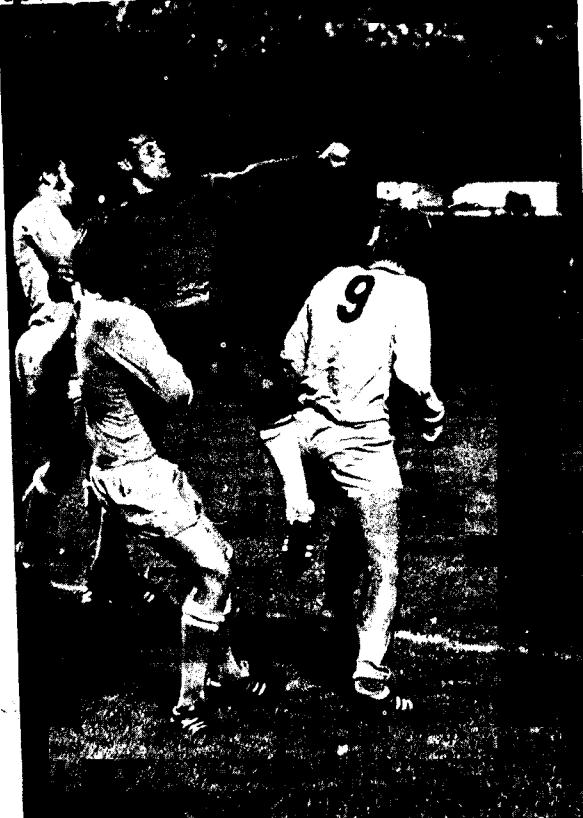
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Busy time for goalie

It was a busy night indeed for Wilhelmina's goalkeeper Nick van Edmond (above) . . . Hakoah kept up constant pressure as they stormed to an easy 2-0 win in the Ampol Cup qualifying rounds. Van Edmond let in first half goals from Gordon Cameron and Terry Lane.

SOCCKER QUIZ

By Alistair Cook

A weekly feature which will not only test your memory, but also rack your brains.

Score ten out of ten — and you're a genius. And if you score seven or over, you're a soccer marvel.

If you can top the halfway mark, class yourself as good. But if you answer less than three correctly, it's time you brushed up your knowledge of your favorite game by buying Soccer News regularly.

Here we go . . .

- In which league would you find Drogheda, Dundalk and Drumcondra?
- Name the player who followed Fred Falzon as full back for George Cross.
- Name the 1961 winners of the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup.
- Zvonimir Rasic, the Melbourne and State League coach, once had a short spell with a Sydney club. Which club?
- Name the State League clubs Jim Malloy played with before joining Polonia.
- In which years have South Melbourne Hellas won the State League championship?
- In the qualifying rounds of the 1969 Ampol Cup only one side went through their three games undefeated. Who were they?
- Manchester City won the English First Division league title in 1968. Can you name the runners-up, and also the team which took third place?
- What is the Christian name of Rasmir, the Footscray J.U.S.T. full back?
- Which clubs do the following coach — Senisin, Edgeley, Pattison, Brocic?

Now turn to Page 11 for your answers.

Mob rule hits Italian games

Referees flee angry fans

Referees took beatings, sought shelter in lavatories or ran wildly from angry fans in Italy's hottest soccer Sunday this winter, while players kicked and punched each other.

Hundreds of spectators put an abrupt end to a CCC league game in the 33rd minute when they climbed over the fence and ran after the referee in Cosenza, South Italy. They did not like a ruling.

He rushed into the dressing rooms with his pursuers on his heels. He dashed into the lavatory and locked the door while the fans pounded the door with fists and feet and shattered a window.

The lavatory door broke down just as police got into the dressing rooms. Alberto Cali, the referee, was fighting with five people when police rescued him.

Thirty miles farther south at Catanzaro, fans climbed on to the field after the

referee of a B.B.B. league game. The referee, however, outran them to the dressing rooms and succeeded in getting out unharmed several hours later under police escort.

The guest team of Catania had tied 1-1 thanks to a penalty kick.

At Ascoli Peceno in Northern Italy, the spectators besieged the referee in the dressing rooms for two hours until a police car drove up to the door and whisked him away. The local fans were angry because they felt the referee

failed to grant the host team two penalty kicks.

In major soccer league games, six players were expelled for rough play.

Brazilian Amarildo Tavares of Fiorentina of Florence and Argentine Juan Carlos Morrone of Lazio of Rome kicked and punched each other in the 25th minute of the second half.

Amarildo had opened the scoring for Fiorentina, which won 2-0. In the Palermo-Torino match two Italian players of each team were sent off the field for rough play. Palermo won 1-0.

Top coach on way back

The word is going around that Jan Nens, former coach to Ringwood City Wilhelmina, will be returning to Australia from Holland soon.

One of the best coaches ever seen in this country, he will be an asset to any side fortunate enough to get his services, which won't be cheap.

last season, considerably reduce the fee they have placed on his head.

★ SOCCER SIDELINES

George Cross are hoping to win through to the final of the "bottom four" competition for more reasons than one.

Skipper Johnny Sanchez, who copped a six-match suspension in the late stages of 1969 and served half the sentence before the season ended, would chalk off another two if the Cross make the final and then miss only the opening League match before getting back into action.

The curtain-raiser matches to the Ampol Cup semi-final count as the real thing.

Ross, two imports direct from Scotland.

Haffey played with Celtic and Scotland alongside Duncan McKay, now part-time listed by Croatia in Melbourne.

far from Lions. But it seems he has little or no hope of the club agreeing to his request as they suffer from a dearth of good defenders.

At the request of the player, George Cross have granted a free transfer to long-serving Don Hodgson, who gave them sterling service for many years after they bought him from Moreland.

It seems likely that Don will throw in his lot with a First Division side.

George Cross, who

have already played in Juventus and Lions in friendlies, tackle Wilhelmina at Ringwood tomorrow night and then J.U.S.T. at Footscray on Sunday.

Another player on the

Juventus open-to-transfer list is Vince Medri, who made a considerable number of first team appearances not so long back.

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Chelsea centre-forward Peter Osgood (right) about to intercept the ball whilst on the attack against Crystal Palace in the F.A. Cup tie (5th round) at Selhurst Park, London. At left is Palace left-half Mel Blythe.

British League Tables

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE		W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds United	18	13	2	71	32	49	
Everton	18	13	2	71	32	49	
Chelsea	14	11	5	51	34	39	
Watford	16	10	6	50	32	37	
Manchester U.	12	13	7	45	41	37	
Coventry City	16	6	8	41	29	36	
Stoke City	12	12	7	42	37	36	
Liverpool	13	9	6	49	31	35	
Burnley	15	8	10	35	24	34	
Newcastle U.	13	8	10	35	24	34	
Nottingham F.	9	15	7	40	43	33	
Manchester C.	19	9	10	42	34	31	
Aston Villa	7	12	6	39	34	30	
Tottenham	8	12	9	39	44	30	
W. Bromwich	11	6	14	41	43	28	
Burnley	8	11	12	37	47	27	
West Ham United	8	15	7	37	37	24	
Southampton	5	13	9	42	31	24	
Ipswich Town	8	8	18	28	54	18	
Crystal Palace	3	12	2	27	54	18	
Sunderland	4	9	18	22	56	17	
Sheffield Wed.	4	7	19	26	55	15	

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO		W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Huddersfield	16	7	5	49	34	32	
Sheffield United	16	5	10	58	29	37	
Cardiff City	14	9	8	49	32	37	
B'burn Rovers	16	5	15	41	34	37	
QPR	12	12	6	51	31	36	
Swindon Town	12	12	6	51	31	36	
Blackpool	13	10	7	41	38	36	
Middlesbrough	16	6	9	38	32	34	
Carlisle U.	13	8	11	42	37	32	
Leicester City	12	9	11	39	35	31	
Bristol City	9	11	11	39	35	31	
Portsmouth	10	8	14	50	60	28	
Millwall	8	12	11	36	45	28	
Walsall Wands	9	14	12	47	37	28	
Norwich City	11	4	14	50	35	28	
Birmingham City	8	13	13	41	35	28	
Oxford United	12	9	14	50	35	28	
Watford	10	5	15	45	51	28	
Charlton Athletic	5	13	12	27	54	23	
Preston	7	8	14	30	42	22	
Aston Villa	4	11	14	35	66	19	

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE		W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	14	8	6	49	41	36	
Orient	14	10	5	49	23	38	
Luton Town	15	8	7	52	31	38	
Bristol Rovers	13	11	7	53	38	37	
Barnsley	13	10	8	47	37	36	
Rochdale	15	5	10	52	38	35	
Sheffield U.	11	6	10	41	31	34	
Tottenham United	12	11	7	52	31	34	
Fulham	10	12	9	46	41	32	
Shrewsbury Tn.	12	9	12	40	32	32	
Halifax Town	12	8	10	33	36	32	
Dundee Rovers	6	12	13	38	38	30	
Plymouth Argyle	6	12	13	38	38	30	
Bury	12	5	14	58	58	28	
Bournemouth	9	10	13	33	31	27	
Walsall Town	11	5	11	33	31	27	
Southport	7	8	14	31	32	28	
Tranmere Rovers	7	7	13	34	54	21	
Barrow	4	9	18	24	58	17	
Scarborough County	2	2	18	17	44	17	
Gillingham	5	9	17	27	45	15	

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World round-up

Leeds hang on to lead

Leeds United, defending champions chasing triple honours in Britain and Europe, remained two points clear at the top of the English Soccer League despite their 1-1 draw away to Tottenham Hotspur.

Leeds, hoping to clinch the English League, the English Football Association Cup and the European Cup, have not won away to Spurs for five seasons. They could manage only one point today despite the lack of experience in the new-look Tottenham team.

But second-placed Ever-

ton were unable to narrow the gap behind the leaders, taking only a 2-2 home draw against Arsenal, who had not won a League match since December 13.

Leeds now have 49 points from 33 games and Everton 47 with two matches in hand. Chelsea and Coventry, third and fourth, respectively, in the table, had their matches postponed.

Snow and frost made heavy inroads into today's English League program with a total of 23 matches postponed because of the weather. Six First Division games were called off, with the remaining all ending in draws.

Spurs took a deserved lead against Leeds after 42 minutes, when full-back Terry Cooper deflected the ball into his own net. But Leeds needed only five minutes of the second half to equalise when Peter Lorimer netted from 20 yards.

Aston Villa, who sacked controversial manager Tommy Docherty two weeks ago, are still firmly entrenched at the bottom of Division Two — and still without an away win this season following their 3-1 defeat at Norwich.

Third Division leaders Reading pulled one point further away in their tense fight for promotion with a 1-1 draw away to Plymouth Argyle. Reading now lead by two points from Luton, who slumped 1-2 away to Barrow.

Setubal 3, Benfica 2; Salgueiros 0, Sporting 1; Tirsense 2, Porto 2; Tomar 1, Vitoria 0; Boavista 3, Varzim 0; Barreirense 2, Moreirense 0; Braga 1, Mon 0; Famalicao 1, Belenenses 0; Academico 1, Nazarenoes 0; Sintrense 3, Lamego 0.

FRANCE

Lyon 1, Sochaux 3; Angers 2, Sochaux 1; Reims 1, Nanterre 3; Strasbourg 1, St. Etienne 2; Paris 0, Marseille 2; Rouen 0; Red Star 1, Ajaccio 1; Sedan 1, Nimes 0; Angoulême 1, Metz, Bastia 1, Valenciennes 1.

SPAIN

Deportivo Coruna 1, Athletico Bilbao 1; Granada 0, Valencia 1; Eibar 1, Getafe 0; Real Madrid 1, Osasuna 1; Real Sociedad 1, Mallorca 0; Celta de Vigo 0, Pontevedra 0, Las Palmas 0.

HOLLAND

Sparta 2, Gav 0; AZ '67 1, Nijmegen 0; FC Twente 0, after 60 minutes because of snow.

BELGIUM

La Gantois 1, Athlone 0; Charleroi 1, Standard 0; Racing Club 1, Standard 4; Racing White, Braine 1; Genk 1, St. Trond 0; Ostende 1, Waregem 4; Liege 2, Beerschot 1.

ITALY

Bari 0, Bologna 2; Inter 1, Cagliari 1; Juventus 4, Vicenza 0; Napoli 0, Sampdoria 2; Palermo 1, Torino 0; Roma 0, Milan 0; Ards 0; Genoa 1, Crusaders 1.

IRELAND

Ballymena United 0, Linfield 0.

Bangor 1, Derry City 1;

Coleraine 0, Portadown 2;

Colegians 2, Glenavon 1;

Derry 0, Ards 0; Glenavon 1,

Crusaders 1.

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Player ready to leave for Moon

★ Red Star Belgrade have a player who wants to be the first soccer-man on the moon. He has already booked his space travel with a Belgrade agency. It isn't known whether he intends taking his soccer boots with him.

Former Leeds United, Juventus and Welsh international star John Charles, now manager of non-league side Hereford has a player in his team — Dudley Tyler — who had a "hole in the heart" operation nine years ago.

Four of Sweden's World Cup team play with foreign teams. The "outsiders" are Axelson (Bruges), Grahn (Grasshoppers of Switzerland), Kindwall (Feyenoord of Holland) and Persson (Rangers of Scotland).

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Since the player substitute rule was introduced in British soccer Geoff Vowden, of Birmingham, has been the only "twelfth man" to come on and score a hat-trick.

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The Polish F.A. marked its 50th Anniversary in 1969 with an amnesty for players punished for offences both on and off the field. The Association authorised its disciplinary committee to investigate all punishments imposed on players before September 8, 1969 with a view to annulling those up to two years suspension, and reducing more severe penalties.

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Soccer is still a minor sport in Finland, where only 12 clubs make up the senior division. One of the top clubs is Haka who play in the small town of Valkeakoski.

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SOCCER FROM ALL ANGLES

Queen of the South, the Scottish Second Division club (formerly First Division) acquired their name in an unusual way. John Balliol, the founder of the Oxford University College which bears his name, used to live in Dumfries, where Queen of the South play. On the death of his wife Devorgilla, he founded Sweetheart Abbey on the outskirts of Dumfries. Devorgilla was often referred to as the Queen of the South (Dumfries is near the border of Scotland and England). Later the title was taken over by Dumfries, so what better name for the soccer club?

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It was a tough, bruising game. The visiting full back made a desperate tackle on the home winger. Both finished stretched out on the turf.

Obviously the winger was more badly injured. As the crowd yelled their heads off, both trainers rushed on. The fans were obviously in the mood to cut loose if the winger took no further part.

The visitor's trainer rushed across to the full-back, just about to pull himself up from the turf. "Lay down," he hissed, "Don't move."

Meantime the home trainer was working on the winger. Finally he had to call a stretcher. "We'll want a stretcher, too," said the visiting trainer — and got a "Fetch your own" from an ambulance man. So the two players were taken off — the home man on a stretcher, the visitor over the shoulder of the club trainer.

The latter had suffered nothing more than a diplomatic injury. But it sure avoided an ugly incident.

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The European Cup, the European Cup-Winners Cup and the Fair Cities Cup — the three major European soccer competitions — are followed with great interest by fans all over the world.

But how many have heard of the European Amateur Cup-Winners Cup competition or otherwise the Barassi Cup, and whose competition rules differ greatly from the professional tournaments.

The main rules are:

1. The Cup shall be presented at the end of

by Alistair Cook



The magnificent European Amateur Cup Winners Cup, called the Barassi Cup, donated by Barrie East, President of Leytonstone Football Club in honour of Dott. Ottorino Barassi, President of the Italian Amateur Football League and Vice-Chairman of the Olympic Committee. (CW)

the second match to the Club which will have scored the greater number of goals in the two match final.

2. If the number of goals scored is equal, the Cup shall be presented to the Club which will have scored most goals in the "away" match.

3. If the number of goals scored in the "away" matches is equal, the Cup will be held six months by one club and six months by the other Club.

4. A draw will determine which one of the Clubs will hold the Cup for the first six months.

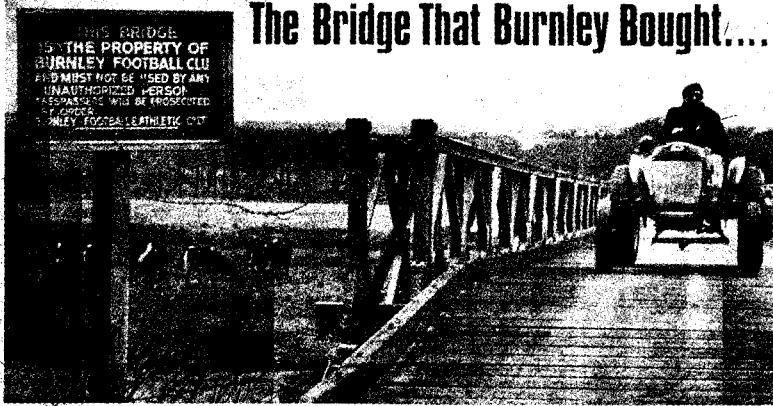
5. The Cup shall be returned to the Association of the winning team in perfect condition three months before the start of the next competition so that it can be engraved.

Substitutes: Any two players may be substituted during the course of a match.



"Eleven pansies — to what address, sir?"

The Bridge That Burnley Bought....



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The bridge was made necessary when the course of the River Calder was diverted — in preparation for an open-cast mining operation.

Not surprisingly, the man behind the bridge is Mr. Bob Lord, the club chairman.

He knew a bridge would be needed. Holidaying at Bournemouth, Mr. Lord came across a bridge-building works in Christchurch. In he went and placed an order . . .

World round-up

Club Corner

Reims

Formed in 1931 by members of the Parc Pommer Sports Club. Play at the Stade Auguste Delaune, except in big games, when they move to Parc des Princes, Paris.

Winners of the French First Division championship many times; also won the French F.A. Cup several times. Finalists in the European Cup 1956, and again in 1959.

Have produced many top class players in their short life, none more famous than Just Fontaine, born in Morocco, who scored 13 goals in the 1958 World Cup Finals. Another all-time great was Raymond Kopa, born in France but of Polish extraction, who played in the same era as Fontaine, and was later transferred to Real Madrid.

Jeunesse Esch (Luxembourg)

Founded in 1907, they have been champions of Luxembourg many times. Come from the small town of Esch-sur-Alzette. Translated, their name means "Juniors of Esch".

All players are more or less amateurs — work in local factories, and have to fit in training in their spare time.

They once played Real Madrid in the European Cup. The 100,000 crowd in Spain was a frightening experience for them.

At home the Esch ground holds only 6000, and is rarely more than half filled.

Bilbao (Spain)

Oldest club in Spain, having been founded in 1898, and the top side until the advance of Real Madrid and Barcelona.

Unlike Spain's "big two", they rely mainly on locally born players from the small Basque country Bilbao province, which has a population of well under 100,000. Until a few years back the majority of the Spanish international side came from Bilbao.

In a wet weather area they often play their home matches in similar conditions to clubs in the U.K. Great players of the past have been Garey, a centre half; Arieta, a centre forward; and Carmelo, a goalie.

Ferencvaros

Formed in 1899, succeeding BTC, Hungary's oldest club. Ferencvaros is a district in Budapest. Temporarily absorbed by Honved, then revived as Ferencvaros.

Have a long list of honors in top Hungarian soccer, and won the European Fair Cities Cup in 1965.

Top players to wear the club colors have been Marton Bukovi, Imre Schlosser, Mate Fenyesi, Gyorgy Sarosi, Sandor Matrai and Florian Albert, who made his debut for Hungary in 1958, and is now one of the top players in world soccer.

Derby County

Formed in 1884 by a few members of the Derbyshire County Cricket Club.

In oblivion for many years until promoted to the First Division last year, and at present putting up a brave show among the "big wigs", and well up the league ladder. Have never won the Division 1 title, but have been Second Division champions three times. One of the original members of the Football League, they have won the F.A. Cup once — in 1946.

Famous players of the past include Steve Bloomer, Sammy Crooks, and Dally Duncan. Now managed by Brian Clough, the former England star, and captained by Dave McKay, the former Tottenham and Scotland ace.

Dundee

Formed in 1893 by the amalgamation of East End and Our Boys, and immediately joined the Scottish League.

Have won the Scottish First Division championship, the Scottish F.A. Cup, and the Scottish League Cup. Reached the semi-final of the European Cup in 1963, only to be beaten by the ultimate winners of the competition — AC Milan. Their ground, Dens Park, is only a mere 100 steps away from Tannadice Park, the home of Dundee United, also in the Scottish First Division.

Famous players of the past have been Sam Irving, Willie Cook, David Thomson and Billy Steel. Three present-day big names in English soccer played with Dundee — Charlie Cooke (Chelsea), Ian Ure (Manchester United), and Alan Gilzean (Tottenham Hotspur).

Queen of the South

Three teams without any official recognition got together and amalgamated to form Queen of the South in 1919. They were Dumfries Juniors, the regimental team of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, and the works side of Arrol-Johnston, who produced motor cars. Most southerly league club in Scotland.

Scottish Second Division champions in 1951. best season in the First Division was in 1934, when they finished fourth, now back the Second Division.

Great players of the past have been Joe Dodds, ex-Celtic; Billy Houlston, a centre forward who played for Scotland; and Alex Wright, player-manager in their early days in Second Division.

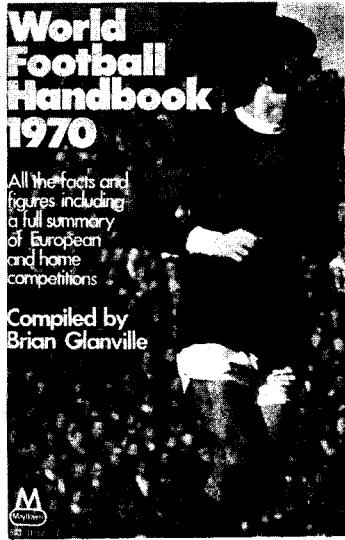
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THE WEEK**
by Jim Barker

All the facts and figures

Do you ever have the urge to enter the Coles \$6,000 T.V. Cash Quiz? If you do, and your chosen subject is soccer, rush down to McGill's, in Elizabeth Street, or any good bookstore, and lash out 90 cents on a copy of the **WORLD FOOTBALL HANDBOOK** (Mayflower Paperbacks).

Compiled by Brian Glanville, this annual, now in its fifth year of publication, is a veritable feast of informed comment and detailed statistics — almost a soccer equivalent to Wisden, which for the uninitiated is the cricketers' bible.

What was the Real Madrid team in the final of the 1955-6 European Cup when they beat Reims four goals to two in Paris? Who played in goal for Olympiakos Piraeus in their games against Dunfermline in the second round of the 1968-9 European Cup-winners' Cup? Who is Gianni Rivera? Where did Crewe Alexandra finish up in last year's league tables?



The answers to all these questions, and many thousands more, can all be found packed into this compact 240 page paperback.

Superb writer

But it is not just a mass of statistics. Brian Glanville is a superb writer, well informed on the world game, and his summaries of all the major international competitions make fascinating reading.

There are also great action shots. One in particular stands out — Van Duivenbode of Ajax Amsterdam leaping over Kurt Mamrin, of A. C. Milan, in last year's European Cup Final in Madrid. It's a great shot.

With the 1970 World Cup series looming ever closer, this year's edition will help you brush up your knowledge at a key time, no matter what national side you support.

Check this one

Just as a parting shot, get out a back copy of "Soccer News" and compare the Romanian "B" team, containing "several" World Cup stars with the Rumanian side which played England a 1-1 draw in their World Cup warm up last year.

Not one player who toured Australia was present at Wembley Stadium.

So much for Rumania!

28 pounds of silver!

When the World Cup went missing this was the trophy offered as a replacement — and it isn't owned by any of the big clubs. Holders are the North-East England amateurs, West Auckland Town.

The solid silver creation weighs nearly two stones (28 pounds), is two feet four inches high, and was valued at 100 guineas 50 years ago, which probably makes it worth \$2000 today.

West Auckland brought it home as their own after winning an Italian amateur tournament two years in succession. For a time it was out of their possession—handed over as deposit against the purchase of a new ground. But they bought it back for £100.

Now it sits in the bar owned by the West Auckland secretary, Mr. S. Douthwaite, seen here giving the outsize trophy a polish up.



See the European Cup

Cinema Colosseo, Ascot Vale and Cinema Italia, Ascot Vale will be screening feature films of the European Cup finals on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

The matches are Celtic v. Inter-Bratislava, and Milan v. Benfica.



Juventus goalie Jack Reilly reaches high in an attempt to ward off a Croatia attack during Friday's match at Olympic Park.

Bookings should be "time off"

- says Mel Vasey

How long does it take a referee to book a player?

Starting from the moment the referee calls up the player for the alleged offence, delivers his caution, writes it down, then gets the game going again.

Some referees stretch it a bit far — especially with the writing down procedure.

So the big question to be asked — Is time allowance made for all the procedure involved in booking a player?"

It should be. After all, it's laid down in the rules that allowances shall be made for all time lost through accident or otherwise — the amount to be at the discretion of the referee. Especially when so much time is swallowed

up if several players are booked in a game.

It's something worth keeping an eye on. Espe-

cially in knock-out competitions where a lost minute can mean a lost cause.



Springvale signs Vowles

Terry Vowles of Wilhelmina has been signed as player-coach of Springvale Soccer Club.

Springvale are determined to make a bid for State League this season.

Goalkeeper Peter Muir, 21, has been transferred to Hakoah. A fee of \$250 was involved.

Centre forward Auke Waaldyk, 21, who repre-

sented Victoria at age 11 in the under 12 team and again in the under 14s and 16s, has also been transferred to Hakoah for a sizeable fee.

Next Sunday Springvale will meet Melbourne in a friendly game at St. Kilda. Kick-off is 3.30 p.m.



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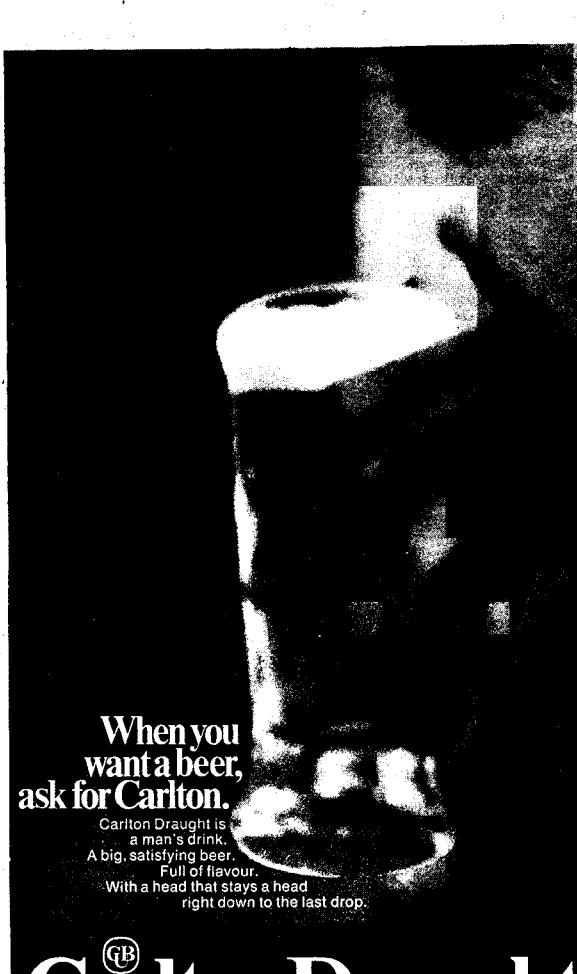
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Our Cameramen record Friday's Ampol Cup games



Hakoah goalkeeper Mur slips, and Ringwood City Wilhelmina captain-coach Brian Edgeley races in, but his shot went wide.



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The mini-skirt has not invaded the soccer pitch — it's just Juventus's George Kinnell with his shirt hanging out. Others in the picture are Jock Goodwin (Juventus, left), Billy Votrek and Bill McIntyre (Croatia, right). Below — Jan Teenstra (Wilhelmina) beats Hakoah goalkeeper Peter Mur to the ball. At left is Alan Stenhouse (Hakoah); at right, Fred Bunce (Wilhelmina).

Soccer News cameramen have covered every Ampol Cup game this season, not always with success.

The main trouble has been a ban on the use of flashlights by referees. So despite a combination of the best camera equipment available, and the fastest film, pictures have been unsatisfactory under the uneven yellow light at Olympic Park.

Last Friday night the cameraman got a break, and were permitted to use flash, with some excellent results.

Soccer News looks forward to providing a full picture coverage of the finals.



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CHADSTONE OFF TO A GOOD START

The Chadstone junior soccer team, formed at the beginning of 1969, played well in their first season to finish third in the under 14 'East' division.

Jeff Locke, team captain, won the best and fairest club award. Andre Lavale won the second best and fairest trophy.

Chadstone also staged a successful under 14 Cup tournament. In the thrilling final Clayton defeated Karingal.

Chadstone will field two junior teams this season — one in under 15 division, and one in under 12.

Any boy in the Eastern suburbs who wishes to join a most progressive club can gain further information by telephoning the secretary, Mr. R. Lavale, on 57-5977 after 6 p.m.

Here are the 1969 Under 14 Chadstone Juniors. Standing (from left): S. Locke, J. Locke, F. Derbyshire, F. Cunico, A. Lavale. Kneeling (from left): C. Mitchell, A. Raditsis, M. Lavale, T. Raditsis, M. Davies.



**Who's
this?**

Referees Panel for Mexico

F.I.F.A. announced last week-end, that they had selected a panel of 36 referees to officiate at the World Cup series in Mexico.

Three will come from Mexico, nine from the other competing countries, and 24 from countries which will not appear in the final series.

F.I.F.A. Referees Committee did a world-wide survey before completing the panel.

Representatives from the U.K. are Jack Taylor, of Wolverhampton, recognised as one of the finest in the world, and Bob Davidson, top Scottish whistler.

General feeling in world soccer circles is that the 36 are the best available.

Melbourne's committee

"Melbourne captain Under 12 after winning Under 12 Cup Final at Olympic Park," said the note on the back of this picture. But there was no clue as to who the boy is, or when the picture was taken. "Soccer News" welcomes your pictures, but be sure all details are supplied.

QUIZ ANSWERS

- Eire senior league.
- John McDaid (now with Melbourne).
- AS Roma.
- Yugoslavia.
- Melbourne and Juventus.
- 1962, 1964, 1965, 1966.
- George Cross.
- Manchester United (runners-up) & Liverpool third.
- Milenko.
- Senisini (J.U.S.T.), Edgeley (Wilhelmina), Patterson (George Cross), Brocic (S.M. Hellas).

Taffy's Tips for the POOLS

Bad weather — frost and snow — ruined the football coupons last Saturday in Britain. Of the 55 matches on the lists, 30 (thirty) were postponed.

Although the panel of experts were standing by to work out "results", they were not needed because of the rule that there must be OVER 30 matches called off before the panel is required.

However, there were a deep hole in final prize-NINE scoring Draws and money, two score-less, so anybody who has been lucky enough to forecast eight in the one line to make 24 points will certainly hit the jackpot.

But the minor dividends will be peanuts because of the rule allowing two points for a postponed match, actually now there were 32 matches scoring 24 points, hence the expected small payout for the minor dividends.

Breakup of the Draws was Five in the First Division (the only matches played). One in the Second, Two each in the Third and Fourth, and one in the Scottish First Division.

The balance of the coupons was four Aways and ten Home winners. Vernons will be paying out on "Three Aways" if it will be interesting to know how many winners there were in this Pool.

Eight and Nine Results Pools, I wouldn't like to predict the payout, the odds will be astronomical, and yet the rule of fractions of the odds for postponed matches could slice

in sterling currency for Saturday, February 7, when there were nine scoring Draws, five score-less and six postponed matches.—

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Twelve Match Results Pool: (four postponed) 8 correct £8/8/- for 2d.; 7 correct 8/-.

Three Draws: 8/-.

Nine Results (paid on eight correct): 73,523/-.

Four Aways: 44/-.

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Treble Chance Pool (no winner with 24 points): 23 points, £2,165/8/- for farthing; 22 points, £19/5/-; 20 points, £1/1/-.

Twelve Match Results Pool: (two postponed) 10 correct £21/12/- for 2d.; 9 correct £1/4/-.

Three Draws: 12/-.

Eight Results: 1,544/-.

Four Aways: 12/-.

Simple Six: 136/-.

With a big hope that

the weather in Britain will give Pools' punters a break for a change, it should. Winter is almost over there, let us now turn to NEXT SATURDAY WEEK, FEBRUARY 28, when the following should win at Home for the stake-saving system:

TREBLE CHANCE POOL

Liverpool v. Derby County,
Nottingham Forest v. Everton,
Birmingham v. Watford,
Norwich City v. Cardiff City,
Oxford United v. Bolton Wanderers,
Portsmouth v. Carlisle United,
Bury Town v. Bristol Rovers,
Fulham Ath. v. Rotherham United,
Halifax Town v. Barnsley,
Bradford v. Darlington,
Northampton Town v. Aldershot,
Workington v. Crawley Alexandra,
Ayr United v. Dundee United,
Motherwell v. Hearts, Partick Thistle v. Aberdeen.

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Busy night for V.S.F.

Manchester City will tour here

**By George
Yelland**

It was revealed, at Monday's Board meeting of the V.S.F., that Manchester City will play five games against State sides and one against an Australian XI.

The tour will start in Perth, during May, followed by visits to Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. The final game against the Australian XI will be in Sydney.

It was further revealed, at the meeting that Fitzroy, District League Club, had outbid George Cross for use of the Fitzroy Football Ground for season 1970.

More than 40 teams have applied for inclusion in District League.

This year there will be a premier division as well as the East, West and Central divisions.

The following clubs will form the premier division:— Langwarrin, Frankston

Pines, Fawkner, Chadstone,

Yarraville, Kingsville, Hawthorn, Melton, Ardeer, Fitzroy, Pascoe Vale, and one, yet to be selected.

The board called for a concrete plan to be drawn up giving maximum incentive to District Clubs.

The secretary reported immense difficulty in working out a satisfactory draw for the season.

Four teams playing at Olympic Park and three at Middle Park had caused great problems with fixtures.

The V.S.F. will provide a medal for Metropolitan competition.

Judged on the lines of the State League's old Argus Medal, it will be called the V.S.F. Metropolitan Best & Fairest Award.

A.S.F. are running a Senior Coaching Seminar for coaches

at the Swedish Sports Centre in Sydney, from 28th February to 8th March.

It will be backed by the Rothmans Sports Foundation. However, this will not provide all the necessary finance and participants will each be required to find \$80.

Victoria's allocation is for two coaches.

The Board agreed to earmark \$250 for coaches.

Juventus wrote asking permission to play a game at Olympic Park on Queens Birthday, June 15, 1970.

They agreed to release any players who might be required for the State team, which will be in action in Adelaide, on the same day. The match will be against an interstate side.

The Board agreed that juniors should play curtain raisers before international and interstate games. We are likely to see a crowd pleasing under 8's game before the Victoria-Manchester City match.

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Friday, Feb. 20

FIRST SEMI-FINAL
Footscray J.U.S.T. v. Croatia

at 9.10 p.m.

Curtain raiser at 7.45 p.m.

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